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NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS CHAPEL



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Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. (Beginning 2/4/18)

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FEBRUARY 18, 2018

NEWS AND UPDATES

LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration

St. Mary's Chapel Wednesdays February 21st - March 28th
3:30 p.m. Confession available upon request during Adoration.

Holy Thursday, March 29th - St. Mary's 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30th - St. Mary's

Stations of the Cross 3:30 p.m. / Service 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 31st - Easter Vigil Mass

St. Mary's Bonfire 7:45 p.m. / Mass 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 1st

St. Mary's 9:00 a.m. / N.A.M. 11:00 a.m.

LENTEN GUIDELINES FOR CATHOLICS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

ST. MARY'S PARISH APP

If you haven't already downloaded our app, go to your app store and search "myparish" or text "app" to 88202.

Stay connected with us throughout the week!

Get updates about upcoming events and important dates.

Please contact our office with any questions or for help.

PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

This past weekend, copies of our FY17 Annual Report, which also contained a six month status update of FY18, were distributed to parishioners. If you did not receive a copy of this report, and would like to obtain one, please contact Michelle in the office. We are so very happy with the dramatic improvement of our financial picture and cannot thank all of you enough for your continued support and for your efforts to help grow our parish. Please continue to keep our parish in your prayers. Thank you and God Bless!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for 2018 are filling quickly. All Saturday 4:00 Masses have been filled. Only 8 Sunday Masses and 2 North American Martyrs Masses are still available. Most weekday Masses beginning in March and several Holy Day Masses are still available. Please contact the office if you are interested in booking a Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018

4:00 p.m. Bea Ames
Req. by Barb & Henry Kirchner

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

9:00 a.m. Dodi Martin - 2nd Anniversary
Req. by Diane & Deacon Bob Hitter

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018

8:00 a.m. Albino Graziani
Req. by Albina

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018

8:00 a.m. James Coughlin
Req. by Mary, Mother of Hope Parish

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018

8:00 a.m. Delka Perguidi
Req. by Mary, Mother of Hope Parish

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners and People of
Our Parish Community

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

8:00 a.m. No Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

4:00 p.m. Steve, Mary, & Jack Nowicki and
Christine Sherman
Req. by Leo Skubel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

9:00 a.m. Len Stomski
Req. by Diane & Deacon Bob Hitter

NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018

5:45 p.m. Special Intention
Req. by Regina DiLego

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

5:45 p.m. Mrs. Preston Tracy
Req. by Her Family

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PARISH EVENTS & DATES ALL EVENTS ARE AT ST. MARY'S UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 18TH & 25TH

No Religious Education - Winter Break

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

Stations of the Cross & Adoration Begin - 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH

Deadline to sign up to make soup for Soup & Bread Supper

TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH

Diocesan Listening Session - St. Joseph's - 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH

First Reconciliation - 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH

Penance Service - Grades 3-9 - 9:00 a.m. Mass, then Service

MONDAY, MARCH 12TH

Soup & Bread Supper - 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH

Youth Mass - 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST

Easter - St. Mary's - 9:00 a.m. / NAM - 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 16TH

Pastoral Council - 6:00 p.m. - Rectory Dining Room

SUNDAY, MAY 6TH

Youth Mass - 9:00 a.m. / Open House 10:00 a.m. - noon

SATURDAY, MAY 12TH

First Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

NEWS AND UPDATES

DEDICATE A CHAIR CAMPAIGN

We are thrilled to announce the start of a campaign to raise funds for new chairs for our parish hall. As most of you have seen, most of our current chairs are decades old, rusting, and uncomfortable. At events, many of our parishioners bring cushions to sit on. We have found cost effective, padded chairs as a replacement. A sample of the new chair is on the stage in the parish hall. **Chairs may be purchased for \$25 each in memory of a loved one. At the end of the project, we will have a memorial plaque made with the names of all who had a chair donated in their memory.** Chairs may be purchased via check, cash, or via the "Give" link on our website. Please be sure to include the name of the person for whom you are purchasing the chair. If you have any questions about the project please contact the office. - Thank you!

The newest of our current chairs, which were obtained not that long ago and are in good condition, will be used to replace the deteriorated chairs at North American Martyrs Chapel. A selection of the old folding chairs will be used as loaners when parishioners and outside organizations borrow from us. This is also what we have done with our old folding tables. The new tables and chairs will not be loaned out in order to ensure they will last for our parish for many years to come.

YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS

Year end giving statements are now available upon request. Please contact the office if you would like to obtain a copy. Copies are also available through your online giving portal. - Thank you for your generosity!

OUR GIVING

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 10TH & 11TH

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| Regular Collection | \$3,326.00 | Snow Removal | \$5.00 |
| Fuel | \$210.00 | Catholic Relief | \$50.00 |
| Home Missions | \$3.00 | | |

MOBILE FOOD BANK

There is a mobile food bank open to everyone, with no income or age restrictions, at the Visitors Center in Adams. The food bank is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. No proof of eligibility is required. Please bring two bags with you to carry your food. Volunteers are available to help bring food to your vehicle if needed. The food bank is offered FREE of charge. Upcoming dates are February 27th and March 13th & 27th. This wonderful program is provided in partnership with the Adams COA and the Western Mass Food Bank.

DIOCESAN TV PROGRAMS RETURN!

Starting on Sunday, February 18th, the First Sunday of Lent, the diocesan television programs the "Chalice of Salvation" and "Real to Reel" will return on the air to Berkshire County via Albany TV station WXXA, Fox 23. "Real to Reel" will air Sunday mornings at 5:30 a.m. followed immediately at 6:00 a.m. by the weekly televised Mass, the "Chalice of Salvation." Both programs are produced by the Catholic Communications Ministry, funded in large part by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

If you have been considering ways that you can enter more deeply into the service of the church, perhaps God is calling you to dedicated service as a permanent deacon? The Diocese of Springfield will begin accepting applications for the next diaconate formation class in 2019. While that may seem far off, now is the time to get serious about discernment – about reflecting on the nature of your gifts, and how God may be calling you to exercise them. The first step in to participate in the Foundations Series of seminars. The first seminar, Desiring God's Will begins on February 19th at St. Ann's Parish, Lenox. Please contact the Office of the Diaconate for more info at: diaconate@diospringfield.org or 413-452-0674.

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